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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Stuart F. Baum  
Group : 1638  
Applicants : Jens Kossmann et al.  
Application No. : 09/843,007 Confirmation No. : 9893  
Filed : April 26, 2001  
For : DNA SEQUENCE CODING FOR ENZYMES CAPABLE OF  
FACILITATING THE SYNTHESIS OF LINEAR  $\alpha$ -1,4  
GLUCANS IN PLANTS, FUNGI AND MICROORGANISMS

New York, New York  
August 18, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This responds to the June 17, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition to extend the deadline for filing the response for one (1) month, up to and including August 18, 2003, and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(1).<sup>1</sup>

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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<sup>1</sup> The last day for responding to this Office Action within a one-month extension of time is August 17, 2003, which falls on a Sunday. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, applicants may submit the response on the next business day.